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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Great White Bear, LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Mervyns, LLC,

Defendant.

06 Civ. 13358 (RMB)(FM)

**DECLARATION OF  
RISHONA FLEISHMAN**

RISHONA FLEISHMAN declares:

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and am associated with the firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, attorneys for defendant Mervyn's, LLC ("Mervyn's") in this action. I make this declaration in support of Mervyn's motion for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(c).

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Amended Complaint filed November 20, 2006 by plaintiff Great White Bear, LLC in this action.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Amended Answer, dated January 30, 2007, filed by Mervyn's in this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at New York, New York on February 7, 2007.

  
Rishona Fleishman

## **EXHIBIT A**

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## PLAINTIFFS

GREAT WHITE BEAR, LLC

## DEFENDANTS

MERVYNS, LLC

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ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

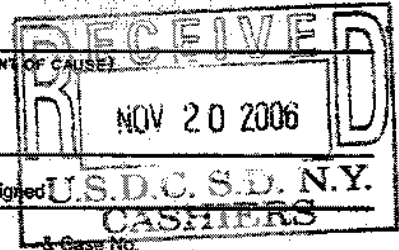
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CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE)

BREACH OF CONTRACT AND QUASI-CONTRACT

Has this or a similar case been previously filed in SDNY at any time? No ☒ Yes? ☐ Judge Previously AssignedIf yes, was this case Vol ☐ Invol. ☐ Dismissed. No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date

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## NATURE OF SUIT

## ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES

TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY		BANKRUPTCY		OTHER STATUTES	
<b>CONTRACT</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>FORFEITURE/PENALTY</b>	<b>BANKRUPTCY</b>	<b>OTHER STATUTES</b>		
[ ] 110 INSURANCE	[ ] 310 AIRPLANE	[ ] 302 PERSONAL INJURY - MED MALPRACTICE	[ ] 610 AGRICULTURE	[ ] 422 APPEAL	[ ] 1400 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT		
[ ] 120 MARINE	[ ] 315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 305 PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 620 FOOD & DRUG	[ ] 423 WITHDRAWAL	[ ] 1410 ANTI-TRUST		
[ ] 130 MILLER ACT	[ ] 320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER	[ ] 308 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	[ ] 423 WITHDRAWAL	[ ] 1430 BANKS & BANKING		
[ ] 140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT	[ ] 330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY		[ ] 630 LIQUOR LAWS	[ ] 423 WITHDRAWAL	[ ] 1450 COMMERCE/ICC RATES/ETC		
[ ] 150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT & ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT	[ ] 340 MARINE	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	[ ] 640 RR & TRUCK	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>	[ ] 1460 DEPORTATION		
[ ] 151 MEDICARE ACT	[ ] 345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 370 OTHER FRAUD	[ ] 650 AIRLINE REGS	[ ] 620 COPYRIGHTS	[ ] 1470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED & CORRUPT ORGANIZATION ACT (RICO)		
[ ] 152 RECOVERY OF DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS (EXCL VETERANS)	[ ] 350 MOTOR VEHICLE	[ ] 371 TRUTH IN LENDING	[ ] 660 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY/HEALTH	[ ] 630 PATENT	[ ] 1480 CONSUMER CREDIT		
[ ] 153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF VETERANS BENEFITS	[ ] 355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	[ ] 680 OTHER	[ ] 640 TRADEMARK	[ ] 1490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV		
[ ] 159 STOCKHOLDERS SUITS	[ ] 360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	[ ] 385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY	<b>LABOR</b>	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	[ ] 1510 SELECTIVE SERVICE		
[ ] 190 OTHER CONTRACT			[ ] 1710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	[ ] 861 MIA (1395FF)	[ ] 1550 SECURITIES/COMMODITIES/EXCHANGE		
[ ] 195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY			[ ] 1720 LABOR/MGMT RELATIONS	[ ] 862 BLACK LUNG (923)	[ ] 1575 CUSTOMER CHALLENGE		
[ ] 199 FRANCHISE			[ ] 1730 LABOR/MGMT REPORTING & DISCLOSURE ACT	[ ] 863 DIWC (405(g))	[ ] 1580 12 USC 3410		
	<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>		[ ] 1740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT	[ ] 864 SSIO TITLE XVI	[ ] 1591 AGRICULTURE ACTS		
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>	[ ] 1790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	[ ] 865 FSI (405(g))	[ ] 1592 ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT		
[ ] 210 LAND CONDEMNATION	[ ] 441 VOTING	[ ] 510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	[ ] 1791 EMPLOY INC SECURITY ACT	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>	[ ] 1593 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS		
[ ] 220 FORECLOSURE	[ ] 442 EMPLOYMENT	[ ] 530 HABEAS CORPUS		[ ] 870 TAXES	[ ] 1594 ENERGY ALLOCATION ACT		
[ ] 230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT	[ ] 443 HOUSING	[ ] 535 DEATH PENALTY		[ ] 871 IRS-THIRD PARTY	[ ] 1595 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT		
[ ] 240 TORTS TO LAND	[ ] 444 ACCOMMODATIONS	[ ] 540 MANDAMUS & OTHER		[ ] 871 IRS-THIRD PARTY	[ ] 1596 APPEAL OF FEE DETERMINATION UNDER EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE		
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[ ] 290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY	[ ] 446 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - OTHER	[ ] 555 PRISON CONDITION		[ ] 871 IRS-THIRD PARTY	[ ] 1598 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS		
	[ ] 440 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS						

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DEMAND \$6,622,000 OTHER

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# United States District Court

SOUTHERN

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GREAT WHITE BEAR, LLC

Plaintiff

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE

V.

CASE NUMBER:

MERVYNS, LLC

**06 CV 13358**

Defendant

**Judge Berman**

TO: (Name and address of defendant)

MERVYNS, LLC  
223301 FOOTHILL ROAD  
HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA 94541

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY (name and address)

NESENOFF & MILTENBERG, LLP  
363 SEVENTH AVENUE  
FIFTH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001.

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 (TWENTY) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You must also file your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable period of time after service.

J. MICHAEL McMAHON

CLERK

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DATE

**NOV 20 2006**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**GREAT WHITE BEAR, LLC**

**Plaintiff,**

**-against-**

**MERVYNS, LLC,**

**Defendant.**

**06 Civ. 13358 (RMB)(FM)**

**AMENDED COMPLAINT**

**JURY DEMANDED**

**Plaintiff GREAT WHITE BEAR, LLC, by its attorneys Nesenoff & Miltenberg, LLP, as**  
and for its Amended Complaint, respectfully alleges as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

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1. Plaintiff Great White Bear, LLC ("Great White Bear") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of New Jersey with its principal place of business at 1412 Broadway - Suite 1604, New York, New York 10018. Great White Bear is a wholesale clothing company that sells various lines of outerwear to department stores with storefronts throughout the United States.

2. Defendant Mervyns, LLC ("Mervyns") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of California with its main office at 223301 Foothill Road, Hayward, California 94541. Mervyns operates midrange retail department stores in California and nine other states, primarily in the West and in Texas, selling name-brand and private label apparel and housewares.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. Jurisdiction is founded upon diversity of citizenship pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), and the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).

4. Venue lies in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this judicial district.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

5. Great White Bear, as a wholesale company, sells its various lines of apparel to department stores with storefronts throughout the United States such as Macy's, Marshall's, Fashion Bug, Cato,

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Richs, and Dillards. Great White Bear presents its different lines to its buyers and takes orders for its various merchandise. After it obtains the orders from buyers, Great White Bear contracts with independent vendors or agents to manufacture the goods.

6. Rampage Clothing Company (hereinafter "Rampage") is an apparel label marketing collections of Junior' Sportswear and Jeanswear. In March 2005, Great White Bear negotiated an agreement with Rampage by which Great White Bear would sell Junior Coats under the Rampage main label as a licensee. The license agreement did not include a license for Collections (Knits, Wovens, Jackets, and Pants). Great White Bear also had a license through another company to sell Knits and Activewear under the Rampage label, but that license did not extend to the sale of Rampage Collections.

7. In or about late March or early April 2005, Scott Jeffries, a Senior Buyer of Juniors Sportswear at Mervyns, led a group of buyers from Mervyns to meet with Danny Fodiman and Glenn Sands of Great White Bear at Great White Bear's Manhattan offices. Danny Fodiman and Glenn Sands explained to Scott Jeffries and the others from Mervyns that Great White Bear had a license to sell Junior Coats under the Rampage main label. Scott Jeffries responded that Mervyns would not be interested in buying from Great White Bear just Junior Knits and Activewear to sell under the Rampage label. Scott Jeffries further stated, however, that the Rampage brand would be important to Mervyns to have and that Great White Bear should attempt to get a license to sell Collections under the Rampage label.

8. Given the statements of Mervyns's Scott Jeffries to Great White Bear, a meeting was arranged by Great White Bear between representatives of Rampage and Great White Bear with respect to Great White Bear's request for a license to sell Collections under the Rampage label. At the conclusion of that meeting, however, Rampage refused Great White Bear's request for a license to sell Collections under the rampage main label because such a license would put Great White Bear in a position of competing with Rampage itself.

9. Mervyns's Scott Jeffries, upon being informed of Rampage's denial of a license to Great



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White Bear of a license for Collections, said that Rampage's denial to Great White Bear was unacceptable. Mervyns's Scott Jeffries then went with Danny Fodiman and Glenn Sands of Great White Bear and met with Larry Hansel, the President and a main principal of Rampage, to renew the request of Great White Bear for a license to sell Collections under the Rampage label. Rampage's Larry Hansel at first said no, but then after Great White Bear offered a to give a guarantee to Rampage of a minimum amount of business and offered further to accept a license limited to sell to Mervyns under a special Rampage label, Rampage's Larry Hansel agreed for Rampage with Great White Bear that Great White Bear would receive a license for Collections to be sold to Mervyns under the label "R for Rampage."

10. As a consequence of and in reliance on the agreement between Rampage and Great White Bear for a special license for Collections to sell to Mervyns, Great White Bear's Danny Fodiman and Glenn Sands sat in the Rampage showroom together with Mervyns's Scott Jeffries and examined Rampage samples, and Scott Jeffries picked out desired samples and quantities. Also, Great White Bear was set up as a vendor for Mervyns, requiring forms to be filled out, and arrangements were made for Great White Bear to have access to the Mervyns web site. Mervyns then issued purchase orders to Great White Bear based upon what Scott Jeffries had picked out in Rampage's showroom. As to such purchase orders, Great White Bear needed to have them 90 days in advance in order to fill the orders.

11. Because Great White Bear needed to give a guarantee of a minimum amount of business to Rampage per the license, Great White Bear inquired of Mervyns what volume of business was Mervyns going to be giving Great White Bear per the "R for Rampage" Collections license. Mervyns's Scott Jeffries returned the call to Great White Bear in Manhattan and committed Mervyns to placing orders for \$13 million at cost allowing for a 10% deviation down (or \$11.7 million) over an eighteen-month period. Great White Bear accepted this commitment, reasonably relied upon it and acted upon it by in turn extending a guarantee to Rampage of \$5 million business for 18 months at an 8% royalty, entailing a \$400,000 payment by Great White Bear to Rampage. Accordingly,



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Mervyns and Great White Bear entered into an agreement whereby Mervyns would be placing orders for \$11.7 million of business per the "R for Rampage" Collections license over an eighteen-month period. Pursuant to that agreement, Mervyns's Scott Jeffries informed Great White Bear the initial breakdown that he wanted in the "R for Rampage" Collections.

12. When the next orders came in to Great White Bear from Mervyns, however, those orders were "light" -- smaller than expected. This caused Great White Bear to question whether Mervyns would be hitting the agreed upon numbers per the agreement between Mervyns and Great White Bear, and Great White Bear's Sandy Fodiman placed a call to Mervyns's Scott Jeffries raising that concern. Mervyns's Scott Jeffries returned that call to Great White Bear in Manhattan and reassured Great White Bear that Mervyns would be making up the initial "light" orders.

13. Soon thereafter, however, Scott Jeffries was moved out of his position as a Mervyns Senior Buyer dealing with, among others, Great White Bear. In his place were other representatives of Mervyns -- Laura Willett and Heather Takaji. They handled the Great White Bear account in a deliberately counterproductive way, lacking entirely in good faith and in breach of the agreement by frustrating performance thereunder, so that Great White Bear was set up to fail. Mervyns's Laura Willett and Heather Takaji, among other things, gave to Great White Bear only 60 to 75 days to fill orders, ordered items that were not selling and failed to provide information needed to process orders. On information and belief, Mervyns was building for itself a record with which to terminate the contract and business relationship with Great White Bear. Complicating matters was that in July 2005, the United States reimposed quotas in imports from China, disrupting clothing shipments from that country; and Mervyns again mishandled the relationship with Great White Bear so that the import quotas were a difficult obstacle for Great White Bear to overcome in connection with filling orders for Mervyns under the agreement for Collections to be sold under "R for Rampage" label.

14. In November 2005, the General Merchandise Manager for Mervyns, Michael Wallen, along with Mervyns buyers Laura Willett and Robin Green, met with Danny Fodiman, Sandy Fodiman and Glenn Sands of Great White Bear in Great White Bear's Manhattan offices. Mervyns's

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Michael Wallen stated they had a problem with the Great White Bear goods not selling, but knowing there was a commitment to Great White Bear, they would try to test Great White Bear with small orders but that Mervyns was not interested in any kind of substantial business. The response of Great White Bear was to disagree strongly and explain why there had been problems, which essentially stemmed from the ways that Mervyns was mishandling the business relationship, such as, among other things, not giving sufficient lead time to fill orders and submitting small orders that could not as a practical matter be filled.

15. In January 2006, Mervyns, without justification or excuse, informed Great White Bear that the contract with Great White Bear was done and that Mervyns would be placing no further orders. At that point in time, Mervyns had placed only \$2,300,000 in orders of the \$11,700,000 in sales over eighteen months committed to by Mervyns under their agreement with Great White Bear. Also, Mervyns returned goods and assessed excess charge-backs. Mervyns's termination of the agreement and related actions were in wrongful breach of that agreement.

16. As a direct consequence of Mervyns's breach and after discharging any duty to mitigate, Great White Bear suffered a loss of \$9,400,000 in lost orders. A 40% gross profit rate (computed after costs of goods but before overhead) is standard in the industry; and at that 40% gross profit rate, Great White Bear suffered \$3,760,000 in lost profits caused by Mervyns's breach.

17. As a further consequence of the breach of Mervyns's contractual commitment and after discharging any duty to mitigate, additional reasonably foreseeable losses to Great White Bear included: (i) loss of the guarantee payment of \$400,000 to Rampage, which had made in reasonable reliance on the agreement between Mervyns and Great White Bear for the sale of Collections under the "R for Rampage" label; (ii) returns and cancellations that were not justified under the agreement and that totaled \$250,000; (iii) excess charge-backs that were not justified under the agreement that cost \$225,000; (iv) certain samples and development costs that totaled \$95,000; (v) additional employee expense that totaled \$120,000; (vi) interest totaling \$40,000 representing financing cost on goods on hand at Great White Bear intended for delivery to Mervyns per the agreement breached

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by Mervyns; (vii) lost travel expense that was \$12,000; (viii) loss of opportunity cost that was \$700,000 in other business that Great White Bear specifically did not do due to its contractual obligations to Mervyns; and (ix) loss on showroom expense that was \$400,000. The foregoing consequential damages totaled \$2,862,000.

**AS AND FOR THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**For Breach of Contract**

18. Great White Bear repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.

19. Mervyns made an enforceable agreement with Great White Bear by Mervyns making the commitment to place \$11.7 million in orders with Great White Bear over an eighteen-month period and Great White Bear acting in reliance thereon and providing \$2.3 million on filled orders in partial performance of the aforesaid agreement. Mervyns acted in breach of the aforesaid agreement when Mervyns took actions intended to set up Great White Bear to fail, such as, among other things, giving Great White Bear only 60 to 75 days to fill orders, ordering items that were not selling, failing to provide information needed to process orders and ultimately building for itself a record with which to terminate the contract and business relationship with Great White Bear. Mervyns further acted in breach of the agreement by terminating that agreement without justification or excuse when only \$2.3 million of orders were placed with Great White Bear, \$9.4 million of orders short of the contractual commitment over eighteen months, and committing related actions to the termination such as return of goods and excess charge-backs.

20. Proximately caused by the aforesaid breach by Mervyns were damages resulting to Great White Bear in the loss of profits and in the further reasonably foreseeable consequential losses suffered thereby.

**AS AND FOR THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**For Breach of Contract (Good Faith & Fair Dealing)**

21. Great White Bear repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 20 as if fully set forth herein.

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22. Mervyns made an enforceable agreement with Great White Bear by Mervyns making the commitment to place \$11.7 million in orders with Great White Bear over an eighteen-month period and Great White Bear acting in reliance thereon and providing \$2.3 million on filled orders in partial performance of the aforesaid agreement. Mervyns acted in breach of its duty of good faith and fair dealing when taking actions intended to set up Great White Bear to fail. Mervyns, among other things, gave Great White Bear only 60 to 75 days to fill orders, ordered items that were not selling, failed to provide information needed to process orders and ultimately building for itself a record with which to terminate the contract and business relationship with Great White Bear. Mervyns acted in breach of the agreement by terminating that agreement without justification or excuse when only \$2.3 million of orders were placed with Great White Bear, \$9.4 million of orders short of the contractual commitment over eighteen months, and committing related actions to the terminations such as return of goods and excess charge-backs.

23. Proximately caused by the aforesaid breach by Mervyns were damages resulting to Great White Bear in the loss of profits and in the further reasonably foreseeable consequential losses suffered thereby.

**AS AND FOR THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**For Quasi-Contract**

24. Great White Bear repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 23 as if fully set forth herein.

25. Mervyns made an agreement with Great White Bear by Mervyns making the commitment to place \$11.7 million in orders with Great White Bear over an eighteen-month period, and Great White Bear acting in reliance thereon and providing \$2.3 million on filled orders in partial performance of the aforesaid agreement. Mervyns acted in breach of the agreement when Mervyns took actions intended to set up Great White Bear to fail, such as, among other things, giving Great White Bear only 60 to 75 days to fill orders, ordering items that were not selling, failing to provide information needed to process orders and ultimately building for itself a record with which to terminate the contract and business relationship with Great White Bear. Mervyns acted in breach of

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the agreement by terminating that agreement without justification or excuse when only \$2.3 million of orders were placed with Great White Bear, \$9.4 million of orders short of the contractual commitment over eighteen months, and committing related actions to the termination such as return of goods and excess charge-backs.

26. Proximately caused by the aforesaid breach by Mervyns were damages unjustly resulting to Great White Bear in the loss of profits and in the further reasonably foreseeable consequential losses suffered thereby.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff Great White Bear demands judgment as follows:

(i) On the First Cause of Action against defendant Mervyns, for a Judgment in an amount to be determined at trial but no less than \$6,622,000.00 (six million six hundred twenty-two thousand dollars);

(ii) On the Second Cause of Action against defendant Mervyns, for a Judgment in an amount to be determined at trial but no less than \$6,622,000.00 (six million six hundred twenty-two thousand dollars); and

(iii) On the Third Cause of Action against defendant Mervyns, for a Judgment in an amount to be determined at trial but no less than \$6,622,000.00 (six million six hundred twenty-two thousand dollars); and

(iv) Granting such other and further relief as to the Court deems just and proper, together with the fees, costs and disbursements of this action.

**Dated:** New York, New York  
November 21, 2006

**NESENOFF & MILTENBERG, LLP**

By: 

**Philip A. Byler, Esq. (PB 1234)**

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## **EXHIBIT B**



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Great White Bear, LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Mervyns, LLC,

Defendant.

06 Civ. 13358 (RMB)(FM)

**AMENDED ANSWER OF DEFENDANT MERVYN'S LLC**

Defendant Mervyn's LLC ("Mervyn's"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby amends its answer to the Amended Complaint of Plaintiff Great White Bear, LLC ("Great White Bear") pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) as follows:

**PARTIES**

1. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Amended Complaint.

2. Defendant Mervyn's LLC avers that the correct address of its main office is 22301 Foothill Road, Hayward, California 94541, and otherwise admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 2 of the Amended Complaint.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. Defendant admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 3 of the Amended Complaint in so far as Plaintiff has alleged damages sufficient to satisfy the jurisdictional prerequisite.

4. Defendant admits that venue purports to lie in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) and otherwise denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 4 of the Amended Complaint.



**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

5. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in paragraph 5 of the Amended Complaint.

6. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in paragraph 6 of the Amended Complaint.

7. In response to allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Scott Jeffries in or about January 2005 met with Sandy Fodiman of Great White Bear at Great White Bear's Manhattan offices to discuss placing specific orders for Rampage merchandise with Great White Bear, and except as so admitted denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Amended Complaint.

8. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of the Amended Complaint.

9. In response to allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Scott Jeffries, at the request of Great White Bear, and representatives of Great White Bear met with Larry Hansel of Rampage, and that they discussed selling Rampage merchandise under a special Rampage label, and Defendant denies information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Amended Complaint.

10. In response to allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Great White Bear was set up as a vendor for Mervyn's and that arrangements were made for Great White Bear to sign on to Mervyn's Partners Online, that Scott Jeffries examined Rampage samples and picked out desired samples and quantities for specific purchase orders, and that specific purchase orders were issued to Great White Bear, and except

as so admitted Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Amended Complaint.

11. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 of the Amended Complaint.

12. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 12 of the Amended Complaint.

13. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph 13 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Scott Jeffries moved out of his position at Mervyn's and that Laura Willett and Heather Takagi worked with Great White Bear; Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in the first clause of the last sentence of paragraph 13 of the Amended Complaint; and Defendant denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 13 of the Amended Complaint.

14. In response to allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Michael Wallen, Laura Willett, and Robin Green were scheduled to attend a meeting in or around November 2005 with Great White Bear in New York, and denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Amended Complaint.

15. In response to allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant avers that it informed Great White Bear it would not place any more orders from Great White Bear in or about December 2005 or January 2006, and further avers that due to various problems with purchase orders it returned goods and assessed charge-backs, and denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Amended Complaint.

16. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 16 of the Amended Complaint.

17. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Amended Complaint.

**AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FIRST  
CAUSE OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT**

18. In response to paragraph 18 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1 through 17 of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

19. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 19 of the Amended Complaint.

20. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 20 of the Amended Complaint.

**AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION  
FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT (GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING)**

21. In response to paragraph 21 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1 through 20 of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

22. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 22 of the Amended Complaint.

23. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 23 of the Amended Complaint.

**AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE THIRD  
CAUSE OF ACTION FOR QUASI-CONTRACT**

24. In response to paragraph 21 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1 through 23 of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

25. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 25 of the Amended Complaint.

26. Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 26 of the Amended Complaint.

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

27. The Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

28. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the statute of frauds.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

29. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the equitable doctrines of laches, waiver, estoppel, and/or ratification.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

30. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the statute of limitations.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

31. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by failure to mitigate damages.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

32. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because any alleged damages were caused by the acts or omissions of Plaintiff or third parties over whom or which Mervyn's had and has no control, and the acts or omissions of Plaintiff or third parties were intervening and superseding causes of Plaintiff's alleged injuries or risk of injuries.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

33. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the contract that governs Mervyn's sale of goods to Plaintiff.

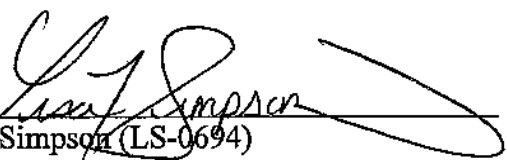
**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Mervyn's hereby gives notice that it may rely upon any additional affirmative defenses that become available or apparent during discovery, and thus reserves the right to amend its answer to assert such additional defenses.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Mervyn's LLC respectfully prays that judgment be entered in its favor (i) dismissing the Amended Complaint, and all claims and causes of action asserted herein, with prejudice; (ii) awarding Mervyn's its costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees; and (iii) granting such other and further relief in favor of Mervyn's and against Plaintiff as the Court may deem just and proper.

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